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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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EXTENSION OF GRAIN BANK SCHEME
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Village Foodgrain Bank Scheme is running only in limited tribal areas;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(c) the success achieved therein;

(d) whether the Government proposes to extend this scheme to other regions; and

(e) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a): No, Sir. Village Grain Bank Scheme is meant for all willing Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families in the villages identified by the State Governments as chronically food deficit areas.

(b): Does not arise.

(c), (d) & (e): The revised Village Grain Banks Scheme was approved in February, 2006. The Central Government have issued sanctions for the establishment of 3282 grain banks in 7 States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Tripura & Meghalaya during 2005-06. In May, 2006, proposal for establishment of 500 grain banks in Uttar Pradesh has been sanctioned. During 2005-06 and 2006-07 approximately 11,000 grain banks are likely to become operational throughout the country.